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To: Superintendents, Administrators, Principals, ELL Coordinators

From: Pat Scott, Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS)

Subject: Arizona 2008 ELL Teacher of the Year Application

The Office of English Language Acquisition Services is now accepting applications for the 2008 Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year award. The award recognizes the teacher who most effectively demonstrates exemplary teaching of English Language Learner (ELL) students.

A web-based copy of the application form can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/oelas/>. The timeline is as follows:

- Call for Applications: July 15, 2008
- Applications due: September 15, 2008
- Judging Panel convenes: October 2008
- Winner Notification: November 2008
- Presentation: December 2008

K-12 teachers may be nominated by other staff members or they may be self-nominated. A superintendent's signature is required on the application. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Arizona Certified/Highly Qualified Teacher
- Presently employed in an Arizona school (public or charter)
- Three or more years of successful teaching experience with English Language Learners (ELLs)

Please forward this message to your ELL staff. We look forward to receiving applications from our many successful ELL educators throughout the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions @ Pat.Scott@azed.gov or 602.364.1927.